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DEPUTY SPEAKER : What is meant by 'non-vegetarian' water?

SRI A. A. RASHEED : Sir, the water containing fish and bacteria.

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : The hon. Member can get fish without paying for it. Now the water is being filtered under old system by sand filters. Recently, a 10-million gallon capacity mechanical filter has been installed. There is a proposal to instal a 30-million gallon capacity mechanical filter. With regard to that investigation is going on. The Government have also already sanctioned the scheme to facilitate the Corporation to take up the work. Necessary money is also provided in the current budget. After enquiry and investigation, it will be taken up.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : Sir, may I know whether the Government have drawn up a plan to replace the existing filters by rapid mechanical filters so that the defective smell in the water could be removed?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : That is what I have been telling till now. There is one mechanical filter with a capacity of 10-million gallon. There is a proposal to instal another 30-million gallon mechanical filter.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : What is the amount of loan asked for?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : The work may cost Rs. 79 lakhs. Provision has been made in the current budget for Rs. 35 lakhs under the Head 'Loans' and Rs. 35 lakhs under the Head 'Grants'.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Sir, is it not a fact that the water supplied through taps in the City of Madras is not non-vegetarian but it is due to the particles of fungus deposit found in the lower layers of water which are disturbed by the fishing rights allowed to the fishermen in the lake area at Poondi?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : I am sorry that the hon. Member is getting only vegetarian water.

Educational concessions

***1557 *Q.*—SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI (on behalf of Sri N. R. Thiagarajan):** கனம் நிதி அமைச்சர் தயவு செய்து கீழ்க்கண்ட கேள்விக்குப் பதிலளிப்பாரா—

தியாகிகளின் குழந்தைகளுக்குக் கல்விச் சலுகை எந்தெந்த வகையில் கொடுக்கப்படுகிறது? மத்திய சர்க்கார் செய்யும் உதவி என்ன?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Educational concessions by way of remission of full tution fees at all stages in all educational institutions for Collegiate and Technical education are granted to the children of political sufferers whose gross annual income from

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all sources are with certain specified limits. In addition to this a scheme of scholarships has been instituted from last year for the benefit of children of political sufferers studying in high schools and non-professional colleges. The question of instituting a similar scheme of scholarships for such students taking up professional courses of studies is under consideration.

The Government of India meet one-half of the expenditure on the fee concessions and scholarships awarded in pursuance of the scheme formulated by them.

SRI K. R. NALLASIVAM : ஆரம்பப் பள்ளிகளில் இந்தத் தியாகிகள் சலுகை என்று பெருமல் விட்டுவிட்டு கல்லூரிக்கு வந்தவர்கள் இந்தச் சலுகை கேட்கிற காலத்தில் சில சிக்கல் இருப்பதாக சர்க்காரிடத்தில் தகவல் உண்டா? அப்படிச் சிக்கல் இருப்பதாகத் தெரிந்தால் அதை நீக்க வழியுண்டா ?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : சிக்கல் இருப்பதாக எடுத்துச் சொன்னால் அதை விடுவிக்க முயற்சி செய்யலாம்.

SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI : May I know, Sir, whether the attention of the Goovernment was drawn to the long delay in disbursing the various scholarships? In fact, I wrote personally a letter to the Hon. the Minister and even to the Secretary to the Government also. I have not received even a letter of acknowledgment. That is why I am putting this question.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I am sorry, Sir, that the letter has not been acknowledged. Action is being taken. During this year there is no avoidable delay. I do agree that there was delay during the last year as the scheme was itself new and so there was some delay in the department.

SRI A. GOVINDASAMI : தியாகிகளுடைய குழந்தைகளுக்கு உபகாரச் சம்பளம் வழங்குவதிலே ஏதாவது விசேஷ சலுகை கொடுக்கப்படுகிறதா?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : அதுவே விசேஷ சலுகை தான்.

* 1558 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether school fee concession granted to the children of non-gazetted officers and teachers are allowed to children of non-gazetted officers who are re-employed, if any, after retirement?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Yes, Sir.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : May I know whether the Government will grant the school fee concession to the children of N.G.Os. working in the various sanatoria also?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : This concession is given to the children of the N.G.Os. and 'N.G.Os.' means, 'Non-Gazetted Officers in Government service.'